

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/862,911	DJOKOVIC ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11-15-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 7-11, 14-20 and 22-24; Renumbered as 1-20 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                 |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>5-16-05</u> . |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>5-22-01</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                              | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                        |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.  |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. McClure on 5-16-5.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 4, line 1:** claim 4 had been started on another line other than  
line 2 of claim 3

**Claims 5-6 had been canceled.**

**Claims 7-8, line 1:** "5" had been changed to ---1---

**Claim 12 had been canceled.**

**Claims 14-15, line 1:** "5" had been changed to ---1---

**Claim 16, line 7:** --- ; and a mapper coupled to an output of the serial to

parallel converter through multiple paths, wherein a first coupling path is direct path and a second coupling path includes a second encoder--- had been inserted after the word "encoder".

**Claim 19, line 6:** --- ; and providing a mapper coupled to an output of the serial to parallel converter through multiple paths, wherein a first coupling path is direct path and a second coupling path includes a second encoder--- had been inserted after the word "stream".

**Claim 20, line 6:** "and" had been deleted.

**Claim 20, line 8:** --- ; and a deinterleaver configured to operate on an output of the hard demapper corresponding to a demapping of the uncoded bit stream--- had been inserted after the word "decoder".

**Claim 21 had been canceled.**

**Claim 22, line 1:** "21" had been changed to ---20---

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4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-4, 7-11, 13-15, the prior art of the record fails to teach an apparatus for encoding a DSL information bit stream comprising "a mapper coupled to an output of the serial to parallel converter through multiple paths, wherein a first coupling path is a direct path and a second coupling path includes a second encoder," in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 1.

Regarding claims 16-18, the prior art of the record fails to teach an apparatus for encoding a DSL information bit stream comprising "a mapper coupled to an output of the serial to parallel converter through multiple paths, wherein a first coupling path is a direct path and a second coupling path includes a second encoder," in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 16.

Regarding claim 19, the prior art of the record fails to teach a method for encoding a DSL information bit stream comprising "providing a mapper coupled to an output of the serial to parallel converter through multiple paths, wherein a first coupling path is a direct path and a second coupling path includes a second encoder," in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 19.

Regarding claims 20, 22-24, the prior art of the record fails to teach an apparatus for decoding an encoded DSL symbol comprising "a mapper coupled to an output of the serial to parallel converter through multiple paths, wherein a first coupling path is a direct path and a second coupling path includes a second encoder," in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 20.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuongchau Ba Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3148. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10:00AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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